

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 2 and ending on page 1, line 8 with the following amended paragraph.

This application is related to co-pending US Patent application, 9D-EC-19335, Serial No. ~~(\_\_\_/\_\_\_,\_\_\_)~~ Serial No. 09/475,961, entitled "Delivery Management System", filed on ~~December\_\_\_, 1999~~ December 30, 1999, assigned to the assignee of the present invention, and herein incorporated by reference. This application is also related to co-pending US Patent application, 9D-EC-19319, ~~Serial No. (\_\_\_/\_\_\_,\_\_\_)~~ Serial No. 09/475,962, entitled "Capacity Monitoring Process for A ~~Delivery Management~~ Goods Delivery System", filed on ~~December\_\_\_, 1999~~ December 30, 1999, assigned to the assignee of the present invention, and herein incorporated by reference.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 13 and ending on page 5, line 21 with the following amended paragraph.

The delivery management system facilitates the scheduling of all deliveries from supplier 152 to buyer 156 by delivery agent 212, based on the delivery date selection at the point-of-sale. The point-of-sale may, by way of example and not limitation, be respective store 158, respective supplier 152, respective delivery agent 212, or respective buyers delivery address. Copending US Patent application 9D-EC-19335, ~~Serial No. (\_\_\_/\_\_\_,\_\_\_)~~ Serial No. 09/475,961 provides details of the delivery management system. Copending US Patent application 9D-EC-19319, ~~Serial No. (\_\_\_/\_\_\_,\_\_\_)~~ Serial No. 09/475,962 provides details of the capacity tracking and prediction portion of the delivery management system.